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SUBJ: WTO FIRST ASSEMBLY: AGENDA ITEM 6 (A) CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

REFS: A) STATE 94645; B) GENEVA 2948

1. WTO SYG LONATI AGREES THAT ONCE ASSEMBLY ADOPTS ITS RULES OF PROCEDURE, PANEL OF NINE COUNTRIES GEOGRAPHICALLY DISTRIBUTED SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY SUBMITTED FOR APPROVAL AS MEMBERS OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. HE AGREES AGREEMENT ON PANEL SHOULD BE WORKED OUT IN ADVANCE WITH PRESIDENT OF ASSEMBLY. COMMENT: RECOMMEND US DEL COME PREPARED WITH PROPOSED PANEL OF NINE COUNTRIES TO BE NOMINATED FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE.

2. LONATI, HOWEVER, DOES NOT AGREE THAT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN, VICE CHAIRMAN WOULD NECESSARILY BE PICKED IN ADVANCE. COMMENT: SUGGEST US DEL HAVE NOMINEES FOR BOTH POSTS READY TO SUBMIT IMMEDIATELY AT FIRST MEETING OF COMMITTEE.

3. LONATI FORESEES THAT COMMITTEE WILL HAVE TO SIT AND REPORT SEVERAL TIMES DURING FIRST ASSEMBLY AS IS CASE AT OTHER CONFERENCES OF UN AGENCIES. HE AGREES 100 PERCENT THAT ROLE OF COMMITTEE IS "SOLELY ON OF SIMPLE VERIFICATION THAT CREDENTIALS ARE PROPERLY SUBMITTED."

4. AT PRESENT WTO HAS 94 MEMBERS (72 BY RATIFICATION
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AND 22 BY ARTICLE 42) OF WHOM 93 (ALL BUT ROC) HAVE BEEN

INVITED TO ATTEND FIRST ASSEMBLY. AS BOTH KHMER
REPUBLIC AND REPUBLIC VIET NAM AMONG THOSE INVITED,
CREDENTIALS THEIR DELEGATIONS MIGHT BECOME ISSUE. LONATI,
HOWEVER, DOES NOT BELIEVE EITHER COUNTRY WILL ATTEMPT SEND
DELS TO MADRID.

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